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1. THE SECRETARIAT SURVEY MISSION DEPARTED NEW YORK FOR MANILA PM NOVEMBER 4. UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM FRIDAY, SITUATION REGARDING TRAVEL OF MISSION REPORTEDLY WAS UNCERTAIN. HOWEVER AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL BUFFUM, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM

DECIDED THAT COMMITMENT FOR MISSION'S TRAVEL WAS TOO FIRM TO POSTPONE IT AT LAST MOMENT.

- 2. SECRETARIAT OFFICER CONSULTED AM NOVEMBER 4 WITH CHAIRMAN OF EAST EUROPEAN GROUP (CZECHOSOLVAKIA) WHO PREFERRED POSTPONEMENT OF MISSION'S TRAVEL. ACCORDING SECRETARIAT, UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV (YUGOSLAVIA) FELT THAT IT IMPORTANT TO START SOME FACT FINDING. HE SUGGESTED THAT, AS ALTERNATIVE TO MISSION'S TRAVEL, SECRETARIAT MIGHT FORWARD QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY UNDP REPRESENTATIVES IN MANILA. IN THE END, HOWEVER, WALDHEIM'S VIEW PREVAILED. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY FELT FAILURE TO SEND MISSION COULD HAVE HAD POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A PRECEDENT TO REFUSE TO SEND A SURVEY MISSION FOLLOWING A MEMBER COUNTRY'S INVITATION TO HOST A MEETING.
- 3. AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN (TOGO) HAS TOLD WEOG CHAIRMAN (BELGIUM) THAT AFRICANS WOULD MEET ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, TO DECIDE POSITION ON PHILIPPINE INVITATION.
- 4. WEOG CHAIRMAN IS, SEIZED WITH NEED TO RALLY CLEARLY STATED OPPOSITION TO PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL AND WILL SEEK TO HAVE REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN CONVEY OPPOSITION FORMALLY TO PHILIPPINE DELEGATION. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING THIS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR AFRICANS TO DECIDE FORMAL POSITION. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. SURVEY MISSION WILL WORK WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE. MISSION WILL REPORT TO SECRETARY GENERAL. MISSION EXPECTED TO RETURN IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS. YOOUNG

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